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NEWS OF THE WEEK

From all Parts of the New and Old World.

BRIEF AND INTERESTING ITEMS

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Current Week.

Deep mystery surrounds the death of Isaac Hoffman, a prominent firm of San Francisco clothiers. He was found dead with two bullet holes in his head in his office. Foul play is suspected.

Frank Castile, accused of murdering John Beck at a mask ball at Cleveland, in Klickitat county, Wash., has been acquitted after a trial lasting five days. Self-defense was the plea. The case cost Klickitat county more than \$1,000.

Five children were burned to death in the residence of J. H. White in Welch, W. Va. The ages of the children ranged from 4 to 13 years. The children had retired when the fire was started. White and his wife were away on a visit. Enemies of the family are believed to have fired the house.

The monthly statement of the public debt shows that the debt, less cash in the treasury, at the close of business on May 29, 1897, was \$996,684,052, a decrease for the month of \$1,500,000, which is principally accounted for by an increase of over \$2,000,000 in cash in the treasury. The debt, independent of the cash, was increased during the month by \$463,215.

The director of the mint has about completed his figures of the gold and silver production in the United States during the calendar year 1896. He finds the production of gold to have been about \$53,000,000, an increase of over \$6,520,000 as compared with 1895. The production of silver is given as 57,700,000 fine ounces, an increase of 1,900,000 ounces over 1895.

Claus Sprackles has commenced suit in San Francisco to recover \$1,000,000 damages from William R. Hearst, proprietor of the Examiner, for alleged libel. The matter complained of was contained in an article commenting upon the recent visit of John E. Searies to that city, and an alleged deal, by which the Salinas and Watsonville sugar factories passed into the hands of a combine.

Senator Pettigrew has introduced in congress a bill to provide for the submission to a popular vote at the congressional election of 1898 of the following questions: Shall congress at once enact a law providing for the immediate free and unlimited coinage of silver and gold at the ratio of 16 to 1? Shall the constitution of the United States be so amended as to provide for the election of United States senators and of the president and vice-president by direct vote of the people? It is made the duty of the secretary of each state to forward the result of the vote to the president, who is required to transmit the statements to congress.

Major-General Nelson A. Miles has arrived at Lania, visited the Greeks and subsequently lunched with Crown Prince Constantine.

C. P. Huntington, of the Southern Pacific, is reported to have bought out the entire townsite of Flavel, near the mouth of the Columbia.

The coffee crop of Brazil this year is estimated at 9,000,000 bags. The government will have to give warrants upon the coffee stock for pressing expenses.

The Herald's correspondent in Montevideo telegraphs that the chamber has authorized the Colonial railway to issue debenture bonds to the value of \$400,000 for construction expenses.

From a Russian source comes news of a conspiracy against King George far more deeply rooted than was supposed. There is indubitable evidence that Premier Baki and his colleagues in the cabinet are gravely implicated in a plot to overthrow the dynasty.

The sultan's show of resistance to the powers is generally attributed to German backing, but it is also rumored that negotiations between Turkey and Russia have been proceeding this month relative to the portion of Asia Minor, including Bachi, in the southeast corner of the Black sea, and the territory up the Joruk river.

Governor Budd, of California, has decided not to interfere in the death sentences of Theodore Durrant and Salter D. Worden. The former was convicted of the murder of Blanche Lamont at Emmanuel Baptist church, and Worden was found guilty of wrecking a train during the A. R. U. strike three years ago, when Engineer Clark and three United States soldiers were killed.

The policy of the postoffice department as to the appointment of minors in the postoffice has been definitely fixed, and they will be debarred from chief clerkships and deputy postmasterships, except in a few of the third-class offices, where circumstances urge their peculiar fitness. Even then they will not be allowed to become acting postmasters, on account of the legal declaration that contracts made by minors are voidable.

The plague of beri-beri continues to ravage the province of Santiago de Cuba. There are municipal doctors who inhumanly allow hundreds of people to die without offering them the slightest assistance.

The revolt of the striking convicts at San Quentin, Cal., has been finally quelled. While threats of bullets had apparently no effect on the mutineers, a four-inch stream of water from the fire hose had the effect of completely subduing the most refractory.

A SCENE OF VIOLENCE.

Socialist's Furious Attack on President of the French Chamber.

London, June 8.—The Paris correspondent of the Times says: The scene in the chamber of deputies Saturday during the Juarez incident, when M. Brisson, president of the chamber, suspended the sitting and sent for the military guard to remove M. Richard the socialist deputy, who had referred to some of his colleagues as "police spies," was one of unprovoked scandal and violence. M. Brisson, after business was resumed, declined to hear Juarez, who interpellated the government on what he called an "attempt to muzzle a deputy," basing his refusal on the ground that no notice of interpellation had been given. A furious uproar followed. M. Brisson was pale with anger, but kept himself well under control. Never in the bitterest invective employed against an opportunist minister by demagogues of the extreme left was there greater violence than in the language by which M. Brisson, who owes his seat largely to the socialist vote, was the unjust object.

A SHOOTING BURGlar.

Wounded Two Men in Everett and Made His Escape.

Tacoma, June 8.—A special to the Ledger from Everett says: Late Saturday night, Marshal Chapman and Policeman Marshall were notified that a robber was attempting to enter the store of L. G. Metzger. Together with M. J. Gillespie, they watched the burglar until he had broken into the store and then attempted to surround and arrest him. Marshal Chapman went to the back door and Policeman Marshall, followed by Gillespie, entered the front door. When the two men were close upon the burglar, he heard the foot steps, and, thrusting a revolver in the face of Gillespie, he fired. The shot entered Gillespie's mouth, breaking four of his teeth, tore his tongue and fractured his jawbone. A second shot from the gun of the burglar whizzed past Gillespie's head and a third shot struck him in the fleshy part of the right leg. As the robber passed Gillespie, he fired at Policeman Marshall, the bullet lodging in the officer's right forearm. The burglar then made his way across lots and escaped to the timber. Marshall Chapman hurried to the front of the store, upon hearing the firing, but did not reach the scene in time to intercept the burglar.

LOVESICK DOMESTIC.

She Sought Oblivion in the Waters of Pudding River.

Gervais, Or., June 8.—Susan Pulard, aged 18, a domestic employed by Jacob Bingham, disappeared a week ago today. This morning her body was found floating under the Parkersville bridge, two miles east of here. The testimony showed that it was a case of suicide on account of love. At 5 o'clock on the day she disappeared, she was seen passing through Parkersville, and her hat and cloak were found on a log a short distance above the bridge, showing that she deliberately entered the water. A watch on her person showed it had stopped at 5:25. Coroner Clough held an inquest and the jury decided it a case of suicide from unrequited love. The woman's parents live in Clackamas county.

Priests Roasted Alive.

Vancouver, B. C., June 8.—The steamer Hupeh arrived today from the Orient under a special charter to the Canadian Pacific railway with a cargo of 3,800 tons, consisting principally of new tea and curios. After discharging her cargo here, the Hupeh leaves for San Francisco, and will then return here to load for the Orient. The officers of the steamer state that when in the Philippine islands, on their last trip, a British resident informed them that the Spanish government had captured 25 Roman Catholic priests, supposed to be in sympathy with the rebels, and had roasted them like suckling pigs. They also state that the rebels, being short of ammunition, are using cocoanuts for cannon balls, with which they are committing great havoc among the Spanish troops.

Tank Steamer Sank a Schooner.

London, June 8.—The British tank steamer Aral, from New York for Dover for orders, collided with and sank the schooner Pearl, bound from London for Port Talbot, off Wolf rock last night. The captain's wife and two of the Pearl's crew were drowned. The captain and two members of the crew have been landed at Salcombe. The British steamer Orellana was damaged by colliding in a dense fog with the Norwegian bark Midnattsol, from Ship Island, March 25, for Buenos Ayres, which was at anchor in the river Plata, and has been towed to Montevideo full of water. The Orellana was last reported at Coronel May 12.

Brazilian Troops Defeat Fanatics.

New York, June 8.—A dispatch to the Herald from Buenos Ayres says: The Herald's correspondent in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, telegraphs that the late reports from Canudos, Bahia, state that 8,000 fanatics under Conselheiro, were defeated by the Brazilian troops. The fanatics made a stubborn and desperate resistance, but were finally compelled to flee in great disorder before the federal artillery.

Denver, Colo., June 8.—A special to the News from El Paso, Tex., says that Francis Schlatter, who claimed to perform miraculous cures by divine power, was recently found dead in the foothills of Sierra Madre, 35 miles south-west of Casa Grande, in the state of Chihuahua, Mexico. He had been fasting, and apparently starved to death. While in Denver, from August 20 to November 18, 1896 about 200 people visited Schlatter to receive treatment.

CANOVAS TO REMAIN

Queen Renews His Powers and Those of Cabinet.

POLICY WILL NOT BE CHANGED

And Weyler, for the Present, Will Continue in His Supreme Command of Cuba.

Madrid, June 8.—The queen regent has confirmed Senor Canovas, the premier, in his ministerial powers, and the cabinet will remain in office with personnel and policy unchanged.

All the leading members of the diet and chamber of deputies, who were consulted by her majesty, as well as three marshals, have advised her to recall Captain-General Weyler from Cuba. At a cabinet council held this afternoon at his residence, Senor Canovas, the premier, made the announcement that the queen regent had renewed his powers and those of the cabinet in terms most flattering to him and all his colleagues. It is understood that the government does not contemplate any immediate change in the supreme command in Cuba.

The Surprise and Displeasure of the Various Sections of the Opposition are not easy to describe.

Decision Caused General Surprise.

London, June 8.—The Madrid correspondent of the Times says: The solution of the crisis is a general surprise, as much in ministerial circles as in the world at large. It was thought, not without reason, that the counsels of the higher military authorities, as represented by Marshal Campos, Marshal Blanco and Marshal Dominguez, would have inclined the crown toward a radical and distinct change of policy in the Cuban campaign.

This idea was especially prevalent, as Senor Canovas has himself admitted, that both as regards reforms and the conduct of the war by Captain-General Weyler, his own hopes and aspirations have secretly been fulfilled.

The only explanation is that the first thought of the premier is to vindicate his amour propre so far as the liberals are concerned, and when this is established, to find occasion at an early date so to modify the cabinet as to satisfy the liberals and to terminate the deadlock before the cortex reassembles, which will probably not be for several months. It can hardly be doubted that the modifications would include the replacing of Captain-General Weyler by some other commander.

The News Received in Washington.

Washington, June 8.—Spanish Minister Dupuy de Lome today received a telegram announcing the result of the queen's decision in the matter of the Spanish premier and cabinet ministers, who recently tendered their resignations. The minister's dispatch is in line with the press advices, and says the queen had reached her decision after consulting with the former premier and marshals. Included in the former was Senor Sagasta, the present leader of the liberal party, and among the latter was Martinez de Campos, the captain-general of Cuba who gave way to General Weyler. Senor de Lome declined to discuss the possibilities of the retention in office of the present ministry, in relation to the policy to be pursued with regard to Cuban affairs, and the incumbency of Captain-General Weyler.

Secretary Sherman also received a long cable dispatch from United States Minister Taylor, at Madrid. Presumably it is in connection with the happenings of the day in that city, but as it is in cipher the secretary was unable to disclose the contents. The secretary declined to make any statement in regard to the matter further than to suggest that it indicated the confidence of the queen in the ministry.

Satisfaction in Havana.

Havana, June 8.—In political circles and among the Spanish general public, where a feeling of acute anxiety has existed as to the outcome of the cabinet crisis in Madrid, keen satisfaction is expressed at the news that Senor Canovas has received fresh proof of confidence from the crown.

Today La Gaceta, the official gazette publishes the reforms recently promulgated by the queen-regent in council. Senor Jose Congeste, the Spanish representative on the Ruiz investigating committee, sailed yesterday for New York.

Correspondent Expelled.

Cincinnati, June 8.—A special to the Commercial-Tribune from Evansville says: Wendell P. Phillips, Cuban war correspondent of the London Chronicle, was, with several other newspaper men, released from prison at Montano, where he had been confined 10 days, on condition that he would leave Cuba and never return. Phillips avoided Spanish censorship by sending his letters to the Chronicle through the British consul at Havana. During his trial yesterday he was defended by a British consul. This news comes through a telegram to his relatives, who lives here.

May Succeed General Lee.

Washington, June 8.—Ex-Congressman J. Frank Aldrich, of Chicago, arrived here this afternoon. He is discreetly silent, but it is known that he came on instructions to be in Washington when Mr. Calhoun arrived. Mr. Aldrich was offered and accepted the post of consul-general at Havana over a month ago, and his visit here at this time indicates that Consul General Lee's stay in the islands will be short.

RIOT IN AN ALASKA TOWN.

Drunken Indians Attempted to Clean Out Sam Dun.

Port Townsend, Wash., June 7.—The steamer Al Ki arrived from Alaska last night. She brings news of a riot at Sam Dun, a small town 160 miles south of Juneau, last Monday morning. The Indians managed to procure enough whisky to get the whole tribe drunk, and their murderous proclivities were forthwith made manifest as they proceeded to clean out the village, smashing windows and breaking down doors. Captain Howes' store particularly being the object of their fun.

Jack McDougall and Jack Arvey, of Juneau, were there by chance, and as the row grew furious they with one or two others secured stout clubs and in a short time had a number of very sore-headed savages tamed down to a state of repentant docility. Three of the leaders were tied hand and foot and locked up in a cabin near at hand until sobered up, and no further trouble is apprehended. The white man who no doubt furnished the whisky was ordered away from the village and peace is again restored.

The Germania saloon at Juneau was entered by thieves and robbed of \$86 in cash Saturday night.

Memorial day was appropriately observed at Juneau, all business being suspended for the day. Seventeen old soldiers are buried in Juneau cemetery.

A rich mineral strike has been made at Yankee Cove. Assays have been made of 50-pound samples taken from a dozen different places, which show splendid results, the rock ranging from \$6 to \$464 in gold to the ton and averaging \$130 to the ton of selected quartz.

The steamer Bertha, which arrived at Juneau from Cook's Inlet the day before, that a party of three, George Butcher, Charles Blackstone and J. W. Molineux, who crossed the postage to catch the first dory, remain unheard from, though numerous parties have prosecuted a vigorous search for the missing men. Molineux has a family residing somewhere in Washington. Blackstone leaves a wife at Sunrise City, and his 10-year-old daughter, who is attending school at Seattle. The men had been missing for seven weeks when the Bertha left the inlet.

Currency Reform Next.

Chicago, June 7.—A Chronicle official from Washington says: It is announced semi-officially that congress will not immediately adjourn after the passage of the tariff bill. The Republican managers have decided in accordance with the wishes of the administration that they will attempt to pass a currency reform measure as soon as the tariff question is out of the way. It is contended that the statement recently made by Secretary Gage that something would be done by the present congress for the improvement of our finances was not an idle suggestion, but one which embodied the views of the administration and leading Republicans of congress.

It is also stated, however, that all the president desired from the present session of congress is authority to appoint a currency commission, whose members shall be directed to report at the regular session in December a feasible plan for placing the national finances on a sound substantial and enduring basis.

Upset in Breakers.

Astoria, Or., June 7.—Early this morning four fishing boats, some reports say six, were upset in the breakers at the mouth of the river and one man, John Marjantin, is known to have been drowned, while at least two others are missing. Lifesaving crews from Fort Stevens and Fort Canby went to the rescue and the Fort Stevens crew rescued Fred Lemon, Alec McBeath, Emil Bloomer, Pete Kelm and E. Welcomen.

The fishermen, evidently in their eagerness to get fish, became careless of the turn of the tide and were caught in a choppy sea. It was not stormy at the time. The details are not yet known, the wires to Canby and Fort Stevens being down.

Fired on a Steamer.

Havana, June 7.—The Ward line steamer Valencia, which arrived at Cienfuegos, reports an exciting experience while off Guantanamo bay. The Spanish cruiser Reina Mercedes signaled to the Valencia to display her colors. As the Valencia did not immediately reply, the Reina Mercedes fired a blank shot, which was followed almost immediately by a solid shot, falling off of range. The Valencia then displayed her colors.

It is understood that the United States vice-consul at Santiago de Cuba has lodged a formal protest against the act of the cruiser. Captain Quesada left yesterday by the steamer Mexico to investigate the affair, which has assumed serious aspects.

Brooklyn Sails for Europe.

New York, June 7.—At floodtide this morning the cruiser Brooklyn sailed for Southampton. Her speed across the ocean will be about 18 or 14 knots, there being no wish or need to press her. She will reach her destination in about 10 days, and will then clean up and by the time the naval review comes off the Brooklyn will have few if any rivals as a model of discipline, cleanliness and beauty.

Waterpout in South Dakota.

Sioux City, S. D., June 7.—A report from Jasper, six miles east of here, says a waterpout struck there last night. The Great Northern tracks for miles are two feet under water, and nearly all the culverts and bridges of the region have been washed out.

Greene, Ia., June 7.—The 15-year-old son of L. Schwartz, while attempting to unload a gun last night, discharged the weapon, killing his two sisters.

RESPITE FOR DURRANT

His Case Carried to the Supreme Court.

WORDEN WAS ALSO RESPITED

At Least Six Months More of Life for Trainwrecker and Murderer of Blanche Lamont.

San Francisco, June 7.—While he bleases his good fortune and section 766 of the United States revised statutes, Theodore Durrant may look forward with some assurance to at least seven more months of life. Today, with the end of his life only five days away, the simple act of an appeal to the United States supreme court arrested the process of the state courts and set him far outside the shadow of the waiting scaffold. His execution is now stayed until after the supreme court of the United States meets again, which will not be until next October, and passes upon the appeal from the circuit court, which was allowed today. Even if the appeal should be dismissed early in the term, the 30 days allowed by the state law before execution is fixed and the day of execution would carry the matter pretty well toward the end of the year. The possibilities for further delay are so numerous that practically he has an innumerable lease of life into the new year.

The attorneys for Durrant appeared before Judge Gilbert, in the United States circuit court, today, and applied for a writ of supersedeas for the purpose of staying execution of the sentence; but this was denied. Application for leave to appeal from this decision to the supreme court of the United States was then made and granted.

No formal stay of execution, however, has been given. Attorney-General Fitzgerald has not yet advised Warden Aull not to proceed with the execution on the 11th, but he has given such advice to Warden Aull, of Folsom, in the Worden case, and the Durrant case stands on precisely the same footing. Durrant's attorneys regard their immediate labors on his behalf as at an end, and are preparing for their next effort, which will be before the United States supreme court.

Worden Also Respited.

Sacramento, Cal., June 7.—Warden Aull, of Folsom prison, telephoned this evening that he had received a telegraphic message from the attorney-general, advising him not to proceed with the hanging of Worden. Worden had been found guilty of trainwrecking.

The attorney-general said that his written opinion would reach Folsom tomorrow by mail. Acting upon this advice, the execution will not take place as intended. Warden Aull says that he has notified Worden, and has had the gallows taken down. The law under which Worden is permitted thus to extend his lease of life, the warden says, was passed by congress during the reconstruction days, in order to make it possible in certain cases to reach the federal supreme court over the head of the state courts in the South. If it were a matter, he says, in which the issue did not involve human life, he would probably test its legality, but in this case, as a state official, he will be governed by the action of the attorney-general. As the United States supreme court will not meet until October, Worden will have at least several months longer on earth.

Salter Worden was delicious with joy when he learned this evening that he was not to be hanged tomorrow. At first the announcement dazed him, and then he rose on his trembling legs and thanked Warden Aull for the good news. The condemned man said that, while he was prepared to go bravely to the gallows, he felt all along that something would be done to save him. The announcement of the stay, he said, made him more nervous than if he would have been standing on the gallows. All the preparations for his hanging had been completed. Worden has been returned to his cell in murderers' row.

Water Tanks Fell.

New York, June 7.—Five enormous tanks, each containing 13,000 gallons of water, fell five stories through the new building of David S. Brown & Co., soap manufacturers, at Twentieth avenue, Fifty-first and Fifty-second streets, this morning, burying two men under tons of debris. The body of William Fraser, 49 years old, a surveyor in the employ of the Otis Elevator Company, was taken from the ruins. Jacob Jacobson, a carpenter, is missing. The contractors and architect of the tanks were arrested, charged with homicide. It was claimed by an expert that the mortar was nothing more than mud. There were 15 men in the building at the time.

Confessed and Disappeared.

Dover, Del., June 7.—While the directors of the First National bank were examining the accounts of William N. Bogue, the paying teller, they received a letter from him saying he was \$38,000 short and had left town. He gave the details of his irregularities, which had extended over 10 years.

Attempt to Abduct a Child.

Oakland, Cal., June 7.—A daring attempt was made this afternoon to abduct the 13-year-old child of Attorney J. B. Randolph, by a man whom the father says he knows, but whose name he refused to divulge. The would-be abductor had carried his captive several blocks, when a passing bicyclist, attracted by the child's struggles, intervened and the man took to his heels. Randolph senior says he knows the motive, but will not explain it.

LYNCHED BY A MOB.

Mitchell, the Urbana Fiend, Suffers Death for His Crime.

Columbus, O., June 7.—A special to the Dispatch from Urbana, O., says: Click Mitchell, the negro brute, has paid the penalty of his foul crime with his life. An outraged people have taken the law into their own hands, meted out the punishment he so richly deserves and obeyed the command and wish of his prostrate, and, as announced, dying victim. The sensational and unfortunate events of the night intensified the feeling against Mitchell, if it were possible, and the determination had been general that the brute should never leave the town alive.

The Crime and Its Results.

Urbana, O., June 7.—Never was there such a tragedy in this city as that enacted at 3:30 this morning. Two men lay dead and six seriously wounded, with one more that may die. Since the deplorable shooting the people are standing around the corners sadly and seriously discussing the awful and appalling tragedy.

When the shooting occurred an attempt was being made by a mob to enter the jail from the rear. The militia were in the hall on the second floor, and standing at the windows. Higgins, of West Liberty, and another man had sledge hammers in their hands and had broken the glass in the door leading to the hall from which the jail is entered. Suddenly the militia opened fire without warning, and Higgins fell back with the exclamation: "My God, I am shot!" Then followed the scene of death and destruction that brought others down. The panic-stricken citizens exclaimed: "No one is safe here but Mitchell!"

The city of 6,000 inhabitants is an unusually orderly one. With its colleges it has always had the highest reputation, but pandemonium reigned last night.

Recently Mrs. Eliza Gaumer, the widow of the late publisher of the Urbana Democrat, was criminally assaulted by Charles Mitchell, alias "Click" Mitchell, a notorious negro, who was arraigned last Wednesday, but his victim was too ill to appear in court. The man was taken to her home for identification. As he entered the door she exclaimed: "Hang him! How dare you face me, you brute!"

In default of bail Mitchell was locked up in the city prison, but on account of the feeling was removed to the county jail the same night for safekeeping. That night the jail was surrounded by a mob that was held back by the sheriff's posse and the local company of the Ohio National Guard. Last night the situation was more threatening than ever, and Governor Bushnell was called on for assistance, but refused to order the militia from any other place here. This city is only 20 miles from Springfield and 40 miles from Columbus, from which place troops could have been transferred, but it was thought Mitchell could be taken to the penitentiary quietly.

The grand jury was impaneled yesterday and Mitchell was indicted for criminal assault. Then the crowd was thrown off the trail by bringing Mitchell into court in a soldier's uniform. Mitchell was scared, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the limit of 20 years.

The trial lasted only a few moments, and Mitchell wanted to get to the penitentiary at Columbus quick, but when the carriage drove up to the jail the crowd rushed in to get Mitchell and lynch him. Another crowd surrounded the depot. The sheriff remained fortified in the jail with his prisoner while the militia patrolled about the ground.

The crowds would not disperse, and at 2:30 A. M. they broke through the lines of soldiers and were about entering the jail when the soldiers opened fire.

Hon. Daniel H. Gaumer, publisher of the Zanesville Signal, and Hon. Charles Gaumer, formerly publisher of the Mansfield Shield, are brothers-in-law of the victim. They are here with Mrs. Gaumer, who is still in a critical condition.

Kavaloff on Trial.

Odesa, Russia, June 7.—Feodore Kavaloff, chief actor in the infamous tragedy at Tirespol, has arrived here for trial. On his premises were recently discovered six bodies of persons who had been buried alive, and he confessed that he had buried in his cellar nine living persons, including his wife and two children. They all belonged to a fanatical sect known as Rasol Niki and sought salvation by self-immolation.

Wholesale Changes.

Washington, June 7.—The rule announced shortly after the administration assumed power that postmasters would be allowed to serve out their full terms, unless removed for cause, has been modified, and it is expected that wholesale appointments to post-offices will be made soon. It was officially announced today that the president and the postmaster-general would consider as having expired all postoffices which are due to expire between now and July 15.

Moldy Barley Poisons Horses.

San Francisco, June 7.—There is a plague among the horses in this city. It seems that much of the barley or barley hay that has been shipped here cultivated a fungus or mold. It is similar to ergot of rye, according to Dr. E. J. Creeley, veterinarian, and is a poison. Owners that have been unfortunate enough to feed barley to their horses soon had them all on the sick list. It is estimated that 400 horses have been poisoned.

NORTHWEST BREVITIES

Evidence of Steady Growth and Enterprise.

ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST.

From All the Cities and Towns of the Thriving States of Oregon.

Plans for a new courthouse for Lane county have been submitted to the county court, and taken under consideration.

Judge Eakin has decided the Huntington contested election case against the old council and mayor, and in favor of the officials elected at the last city election.

The prospects for a large grain yield in Klamath county are good. The rains there last week was quite general over the county and has relieved the farmers of their anxiety.

The Albany lodge of Elks is trying to arrange for a grand clambake for the members of that order at Newport on the 30th of June. If arrangements are made it is expected that 500 or 600 Elks will be in attendance.

An O. R. & N. eastbound train that passed through Pendleton one day last week carried 1,500 crates of strawberries, most of them from Hood river, but a few from Walla Walla. The berries filled two refrigerator cars.

There is already stored in The Dalles about 3,000,000 pounds of wool, but no sales have been made. Both buyers and sellers, says the Times-Mountaineer, are holding off to see what congress will do with the tariff bill.

The Bandon Recorder says that complaint is being made that persons are catching large numbers of young salmon which are about large enough to go to sea, and that because of this destruction to the small fish, the salmon canning industry will be greatly reduced in the future.

An Astoria city ordinance makes it an offense, punishable by a fine of \$50, or 10 days' imprisonment, for allowing caterpillars to nest in trees. Chief Hatterick has notified citizens that he will enforce the law.

There are many trees on the hills infested with these pests.

State Treasurer Phil Metechan received \$6,000 from the treasurer of Linn county, on account of state taxes for the year 1896. This is a partial payment and one of several made by that county. There is still a balance due from Linn, as well as from nearly every county in the state, but few having paid their state taxes in full.

F. H. Andrews was badly hurt by a fall that he received while climbing a cliff for duck eggs, near Kellogg, in Douglas county, last week. The rope broke and he fell about 30 feet, among large boulders. His father was with him and promptly went to his assistance, but it will be a long time before he will be able to climb cliffs again.

Washington.

All owners of good horses in Washington are expecting an era of better prices.

The Waterville creamery is being run daily, 1,000 pounds of milk being received every day.

It is stated that fully \$80,000 has been expended in the vicinity of Sprague so far this year by cattle-buyers.

The tax agent of the Northern Pacific last week paid into the Yakima county treasury \$13,000, the amount of the company's taxes in Yakima county.

Two evangelists from the gospel mission in Tacoma preached to a gang of 18 hobos in the Tacoma jail recently, and during the sermon one of the gang stole \$2 from the pocket of one of the women.

The water, which is over all the low lands on the Columbia river bottoms, has done considerable damage. Around Mount Coffin entire crops have been washed out. The same state of affairs exists at many other places along the river.

The store and hotel and the Great Northern station agent's office at Belfast, Skagit county, burned last week. The three businesses were all conducted in one building, and the building was completely destroyed. The railroad warehouse, a short distance away, was saved by hard work. The agent lost about \$75 in money.

The Spokane & British Columbia Telephone Company has set its poles all the way from Spokane to the British Columbia line, between Northport and Roseland, where it will touch the Vernon system